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1. IN REF (C), THE EMBASSY SUGGESTED THAT FINAL US CONFIRMATION OF INVITATION TO THREE SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO VISIT THE HUBBS-SEA WORLD RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN SAN DIEGO AWAIT A SATISFACTORY SOVIET PROPOSAL ON THE ITINERARY IN THE USSR FOR THE US DELEGATION TO THE PROJECT WORKING MEETING IN JULY. IN A LETTER OF APRIL 18, 1978, SOVIET PROJECT LEADER DR. V. ZEMSKY, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES BUT WILL RETURN TO MOSCOW EARLY IN THE WEEK OF MAY 8, HAS PROVIDED UNCLASSIFIED

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A SATISFACTORY ITINERARY TO US PROJECT LEADER R.V. MILLER. THIS ITINERARY CALLS FOR HOLDING THE WORKING GROUP MEETING AT ULAN-UDE, WITH TRIPS TO LISTVENNICHNYI AND TO IRKUTSK. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ZEMSKY, US SCIENTISTS ARE ALSO PRESSING FOR A VISIT BY DELEGATION TO THE MAGADAN MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCH LABORATORY AND ZEMSKY

HAS INDICATED HE WILL TRY TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO MAGADAN. SINCE THE SOVIET SIDE HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING ON THE LOCATION OF THE PROJECT MEETING, THE US SIDE IS PREPARED TO EXTEND AN INVITATION FOR SAN DIEGO.

- 2. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SHOSTAL TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET WITH COPY TO DR. I. V. NIKONOROV, DIRECTOR, GLABRYBVOD, MINISTRY OF FISHERIES.
- 3. MAY 4, 1978 02.05-61 (MARINE MAMMALS)

DR. YURIY YE. KAZAKOV MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OF THE USSR PEREULOK PAVLIKA MOROZOVA 12 MOSCOW D-376

DEAR YURIY:

WE WERE PLEASED TO LEARN FROM DR. V. ZEMSKY, SOVIET PROJECT LEADER FOR PROJECT 02.05-61 (MARINE MAMMALS), WHO IS PRESENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES THAT THE SOVIET SIDE PLANS TO HOLD THE PROJECT'S JULY WORKINGMEETING IN ULAN-UDE AND IS TRYING ALSO TO ARRANGE A VISIT FOR THE US DELEGATION TO THE MAGADAN MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCH LABORATORY. UNCLASSIFIED

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I UNDERSTAND THAT DR. ZEMSKY WILL BE BACK IN MOSCOW EARLY DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 8.

AS YOU KNOW, THE MEMORANDUM OF THE SIXTH JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF OUR AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR A VISIT BY THREE SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO THE HUBBS-SEA WORLD INSTITUTE IN SAN DIEGO. I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT SUCH A VISIT IN LATE MAY IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE US SIDE. THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE SUGGESTS A VISIT OF TWO TO THREE WEEKS BEGINNING MAY 21 AND CONCLUDING JUNE 3 OR 10. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO WILL BE COMING. THE EXACT ARRIVAL TIME AND FLIGHT INFORMATION. ALSO, PLEASE INFORM US WHETHER THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS WILL BRING TWO CASPIAN SEALS, AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, AND WHETHER SPECIAL TRANS-PORTATION ARRANGEMENTS ARE NECESSARY. IF THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS ARE UNABLE TO COME IN MAY, THE NEXT POSSIBLE PERIOD FOR THEIR VISIT WOULD BE MID-SEPTEMBER. THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS SHOULD HAVE ROUND-TRIP AIR TICKETS TO SAN DIEGO AND RETURN TO MOSCOW, AND BE PREPARED FOR HOTEL COSTS OF APPROXIMATELY \$20 TO \$30 PER DAY.

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, WE HAVE REMINDED DR. ZEMSKY
THAT A US MARINE MAMMAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED IN ORDER
TO TAKE MARINE MAMMALS WITHIN THE US FISHERY CONSERVATION
ZONE (I.E., THE 200-MILE ZONE) DURING THE RESEARCH
CRUISE OF THE "ZUBAREVO". THE PERMIT APPLICATION
SHOULD COME FROM DR. ZEMSKY AND DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED
RESEARCH, THE NUMBERS PROPOSED TO BE TAKEN, THE
AREA TO BE WORKED, THE SCIENTISTS INVOLVED IN THE
RESEARCH AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION AS DESCRIBED
IN DR. MILLER'S LETTER TO DR. ZEMSKY OF MARCH 27.

THE BERING SEA RESEARCH CRUISE OF THE NOAA SHIP "SURVEYOR" IS DUE TO DEPART ABOUT MAY 20. WE REQUEST UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CRUISE, DRS. FEDOSEYEV AND MINEYEV, ARRIVE IN THE US NO LATER THAN MAY 17 TO ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME TO TRAVEL TO KODIAK TO BOARD THE SHIP. THEY SHOULD HAVE AIRLINE TICKETS TO COVER TRAVEL FROM NEW YORK TO ANCHORAGE TO KODIAK AND RETURN VIA THE SAME ROUTE.

FINALLY, WE WISH TO INVITE THE SOVIET SIDE TO SEND AN APPROPRIATE SPECIALIST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING CONFERENCE ON "DETERMINING AGE OF ODONTOCETE CETACEANS" TO TAKE PLACE IN LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER 5-19, 1978. PARTICIPATION WILL BE ON THE "SENDING SIDE PAYS" BASIS.

WITH BEST REGARDS.

SINCERELY YOURS, PIERRE SHOSTAL

4. FOR EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION:

PLEASE NOTE THAT ETD FOR FEDOSEYEV AND MINEYEV SHOULD BE CHANGED FROM MAY 19 (REF E) TO MAY 17 PER ABOVE LETTER. CHRISTOPHER

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